

Telecommunications Commission

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers – Brecksville City Hall

Members Present: Jack Shott, Gerald Broski, Joe Fleming, Eric Hall, Darryl Mancini

Members Absent: Jim Steiger

Others Present: Kevin Lynch, AT&T

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. The committee then approved the minutes from the last meeting on April 9, 2014. Motion to approve by Gerry Broski, seconded by Darryl Mancini. All were in favor.

New Business

Chairman Fleming asked Kevin Lynch from AT&T about a dip in the 3rd quarter franchise fees for 2013. Kevin explained that in their billing system whenever an adjustment for credit was made such as someone being out of service, the franchise fee was always billed against the total amount even though part of the money was refunded back to the customer. The problem was in the billing system however, an adjustment was made only going back one year.

He also noted that the number of subscribers has remained steady, if not continuing to increase even though there has been no increase in the monthly billing. Chairman Fleming asked if the credits will now be billed in without a yearly adjustment. According to Kevin adjustments will now be made quarterly.

Regarding U-Verse, AT&T is continuing to invest in some communities that were not on the “for front” of installation such as Brecksville. Work is just starting in Bedford, Bedford Heights and Chagrin Falls. As for Brecksville they are at the end of the first phase however, as technology improves they hope to reach more customers.

Councilman Broski asked if AT&T would try to convert Direct TV customers over to U-Verse once the merger between AT&T/Direct TV is completed. Kevin said that he did not have any information in that regard as of yet, however he said it would be a good opportunity to win over more customers and also benefit the city since there is no franchise fee on Direct TV, DISH or any of the satellite companies.

Customer Complaints

There were no complaints at this time.

Franchise Fees

Fees were reviewed with no further discussion.

Open Forum

Councilman Broski spoke briefly about City events and projects such as HomeDays, companies interested in developing some additional property on West Snowville Road and storm water retention.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Motion by Jack Shott. Seconded by Gerry Broski.

Joe Fleming – Chairman

Jim Steiger - Secretary

Eric Hall – Vice-Chairman

Minutes prepared by recording secretary Christine Dubiel